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Applicant(s): Milan Kokta, et al.

Title: SPINEL ARTICLES AND METHODS FOR FORMING SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, reconsideration of the rejections contained therein is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

1. Claims 1, 5, 11, 18 and 19 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 10 and 11 of co-pending Application No. 10/802,160. While Applicants do not acquiesce to this rejection, Applicants shall provide a Terminal Disclaimer effective to remove the provisional rejection upon resolution of the remaining issues contained in the Office Action.

2. Claims 1-22 were rejected under §102(b) over Cullen et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The claimed invention is drawn to a single crystal spinel boule (claim 1), a single crystal spinel wafer (claim 5), and a single crystal optoelectronic substrate (claim 18). The present claims also specify that the spinel is non-stoichiometric, having a b:a ratio greater than 2.5:1. The

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Should Examiner Stein deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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